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MISSOULA--

The biggest problem facing Bob Cope and Lou Rocheleau at the University of Montana is who to start and who to redshirt.

The Grizzlies have 18 very promising basketball players who are giving the UM coaching duo all kinds of headaches.

Coach Cope said, "I wish I had problems like this every year. These kids are really scrappy and are playing their hardest to make the 1969 squad."

Cope must trim the traveling team to 12 and the home squad to 15. The problem is Cope's players are so close in ability, hustle and desire that any decision for the UM mentors will be hard.

Lou Rocheleau, famed Missoula high school coach, said, "We're stronger, quicker and have a lot better attitude than last year. We're starting to mold together as a team and the kids are getting in better condition."

Cope said he feels that he has 12 possible starters and doesn't really know who the top five will be. "They all play well together and we'll probably use them all."

Some of the men to look for this season for Montana will be scrappy guard Harold Ross, highly touted Willie Flowers, Don Wetzel, John Harrell, Dave Gustafson, Howard Clark, Lonzo Lewis, Ray Howard, Mike Heroux, among others.

The Grizzlies open the season November 29 against Eastern Washington in Missoula. Season's ticket requests may be addressed to Gary Hughes, UM Field House, Missoula.

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